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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

A Notice of Appeal was filed on July 14, 2003, providing a shortened statutory period of two months to September 14, 2003. This shortened statutory period is extended herein, with the payment of the appropriate fee, by four months to January 14, 2004. The accompanying RCE and the present Amendment are filed rather than an Appeal Brief.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 22-29 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Please add claims 30-37 as follows:

30. A signal transmission apparatus comprising:

- a modulator operable to modulate a carrier wave with an input signal to produce a

modulated signal, and

- a transmitter operable to transmit the modulated signal,